Bodyguard hit, kept giving orders

By Robert Signer

The Alabama state trooper who was one of three other persons shot and wounded during the assassination attempt on Gov. George C. Wallace "was still giving orders" after being shot.

The wounded trooper, Capt. E. C. Dothard, apparently was shot in the abdomen but never lost consciousness, according to Sgt. Roy Smith of the state troopers.

Dothard, 40, was in charge of the contingent of five other Alabama troopers who make up Wallace's personal corps of bodyguards.

A SPOKESMAN for Holy Cross Hospital in Laurel, Md., said Dothard suffered "a glancing blow" and was treated and released.

Dothard was assigned to Wallace's staff at the governor's request after he was elected to office in 1962. They became "the closest of friends," Sgt. Smith said.

Dothard joined the force in February, 1957, and was promoted steadily through the ranks until he was appointed a captain in January, 1971. He served on the staff of the governor's first wife, Lurleen, when she was governor in 1967 and 1968. She died in office.

Dothard lives in Montgomery with his wife, Virginia, and their four children, who range from 5 years to 17 years of age. Mrs. Dothard flew to Maryland to stay with her husband until he is well enough to return home.

Alabama State trooper E. C. Dothard lies on the ground after he was shot at the rally in Laurel, Md.

Nicholas Zorvas, a Secret Service agent, clutches his throat after he was wounded at Laurel, Md. (UPI)

Others wounded during the assassination attempt were:

- **Nicholas Zarvos,** a Secret Service agent.

Zarvos, 37, of Atlanta, was shot in the throat, apparently by the first shot from the assailant.

Witnesses said he clutched his throat, ran to the back of the podium, and collapsed into the arms of two other Secret Service agents. He was taken to Leland Memorial Hospital, where doctors said the bullet narrowly missed his jugular vein and lodged in his jaw.

- **Mrs. Dora Thompson,** a Wallace campaign worker who was treated and released at Holy Cross Hospital.